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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

Dear Sir:

1. I, Charles Kreutzer, am the sole inventor of the above-identified patent application.
2. I have spent the last 12 years of my professional career working in the concrete coloring industry.
3. The invention described in U.S. Patent Application 10/650,491 solves a long-felt but unsolved need in the concrete coloring industry.
4. Many providers in the concrete coloring industry use liquid colorant when mixing colorant in ready-mix concrete applications owing to the superior performance of liquid colorant.
5. The liquid colorant is added to the chamber of a ready-mix concrete truck for mixing with the ready-mix concrete.

6. Prior attempts to add the liquid colorant into the chamber of the ready-mix concrete truck involved a worker manually hauling a bucket or container of the liquid colorant, weighing 50 pounds or more, up a ladder to reach an opening of a hopper of the chamber of the concrete truck, which may be elevated ~~15~~^{10 15} to 20 feet above the ground. From the ladder, the worker would pour the colorant into the hopper.

7. This manual method has proved dangerous, with the worker forced to carry the bucket or container of liquid colorant to such a height. Unfortunately, many accidents occurred using this manual method.

8. In view of the accidents and dangerous nature of pouring the liquid colorant into the hopper of the concrete truck, many insurance companies ceased providing insurance to those companies using this manual method of pouring liquid colorant into the chamber.

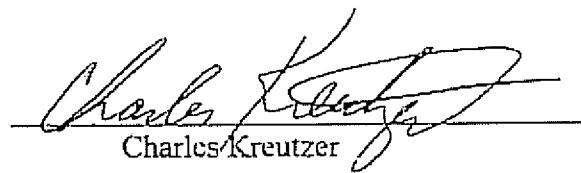
9. My invention has allowed the concrete coloring industry to continue the use of liquid colorant in certain ready-mix applications in a safe manner. My invention overcomes the obstacle of manually delivering the heavy and bulky bucket or container of liquid colorant to the elevated hopper.

10. My invention, in part, provides for the user to pump the liquid colorant from a tank and through a discharge line to the ready-mix concrete truck. By using my invention, the worker is not required to haul a heavy bucket or container to the elevated hopper of the ready-mix concrete truck.

11. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the

United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

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